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Re: Methylene Chloride and N-Methylpyrrolidone (NMP): Rulemaking under TSCA Section 6(a)

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Niva Kramek:

I am a small business owner and end user of products currently under review by the EPA. Evidently I missed an opportunity to make comments on this rulemaking process and I am asking you and your office to help getting my thoughts into the record and in front of those who need comments from people with first hand experience working with these products.

I have worked extensively with N-Methylpyrrolidone (NMP) over the last twenty-five years and have found it to be an exceptional product to facilitate the restoration works my company has been involved with around the country. It allows me to remove layers of old finishes from old wood floors safely and with minimal threat to me, my workers and the natural environment. Indeed, the products have allowed our work to be conducted around the public as they toured museums and historic sites while work was underway.

As you will quickly learn when you work with chemicals of any kind, care and caution must always be exercised. To that point, products containing NMP have proven to be the easiest of all chemical removers to adapt to and use safely in any work environment when handled properly.

I do not manufacture or sell any products or chemicals. I personally use them in my work and I think this gives a more balanced perspective of the potential hazards of this product. I take pride in providing my clients, my workers and the public with a safe and environmentally responsible restoration and preservation service.

Thank you for your time, your assistance and your service.

Michael Purser

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